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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: )  
Applicant: CANTERI, C )  
Ser. No.: 09/308,962 )Group Art Unit: 3673  
Filed: September 2, 1999 )Examiner: PECHHOLD, A  
For: METHOD FOR INCREASING THE BEARING CAPACITY...)

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Sir,

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the final Office action dated November 21, 2001, applicant submits the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.